

Ontario Research Office announces one-year 'bridge' funding for several GIA applicants

Ontario Grant-in-Aid (GIA) applicants in the current national competition will have recently received **grant offer and regret** notifications through CIRCULink from our Ottawa office.

The Heart and Stroke Foundation (HSF), Ontario Research Office is pleased to announce that it has offered one-time, short-term **bridge grants** to several Ontario-based cardiovascular/cerebrovascular (CCVD) researchers whose applications ranked highly in the national GIA competition, but below the GIA funding cut-off level.

These investigators have been contacted by the Ontario Research Office with specifics related to this special bridge funding initiative.

This is part of an F2013 Ontario business goal of supporting the Ontario research community through the transition to the national research strategy, and collective management of GIAs, to the extent possible.

This year, through the combined GIA and bridge grant programs, funding will be offered to ~70 Ontario-based investigators.

"We are pleased to have been able to provide this additional support to Ontario CCVD investigators this year," says Dr. Geoffrey Pickering, Chair of the HSF Ontario Research Advisory Committee. "This initiative was unanimously endorsed by Provincial Advisory Board members to assist Ontario-based researchers through this period of HSF funding transition."

New staff member joins Ontario team

We are very pleased to welcome **Ayesha Salleh** to the role of *Associate Manager, Research Programs and Health Information Services* with the HSF Ontario Provincial Office!



Ayesha most recently worked with the Ontario Cancer Institute as a Research Project Coordinator, where she was involved in coordinating various aspects of a multi-year epidemiological study.

Prior to this role, Ayesha was a teaching assistant and a research associate at Trent University. She obtained her MSc from Trent in 2007.

In her HSF role, Ayesha will be responsible for supporting Ontario-specific research program implementation, grant claims processing and will be a key point of contact for the Ontario researcher community on grant administration issues. She'll be monitoring the research inbox on a daily basis, research@hsf.on.ca.

Ayesha can be reached at 416-489-7111, x 444, asalleh@hsf.on.ca.

New personnel awards draw 30+ applications

In total, 34 applications were received last month from Ontario investigators for our new **Clinician-Scientist** and **Mid-Career Investigator** personnel award programs. Peer review preparations are underway and we expect to make competition announcements in late June.

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